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## NEGROES BOYCOTT RESTAURANT

## N.A.A.C.P. WILL HOLD DOUGLAS CELEBRATION

MUCH PATRONIZED EATING PLACE AT SOULLEN'S PLACED IN CLASH THAT "DON'T WANT NEGRO TRADE."

Tony's Saloon, in Connection, Will Also Be Put Under Ban. Liquor Shop Open on Sunday in Violation of Law While Police Are Near By.

A lunch or eating house located at 6113 Manchester avenue, near South St. Steel Plant, where many Negroes have spent their money for meals, has put the ban on serving Negroes in their place. Just when this discrimination was about to take effect, the reports for the Argus didn't learn. However, when a representative of the Argus in company with an insurance agent went into the place and asked themselves for a lunch, last Saturday, they were promptly told that no Negroes would be served in there at the tables, stating, however, that "we can give you a hand-out and you can eat at the saloon which is connected." When questioned as to why service had been denied their patrons at the time, the attendant stated that they did not care for colored trade and if we were not satisfied he was.

The reporter told him that just two weeks ago he, like many other Negroes had sat at the table, was served meals and ate without a word of protest from any one. The attendant said he did not remember.

Tony's Saloon Open Sundays. It was recalled, however, that at the time mentioned above that on Sunday, under the restaurant, the Negro Independent Voters' League at St. James A. M. E. Church, Pendleton and St. Ferdinand avenue, at 3 p. m. the Negroes to eat in the restaurant, they were patronizing the saloon, which does

a lunch-office business on Sundays. Going in Re-lays.

The method used by Tony and attendant in the restaurant in violation of the law, is to allow about 25 or 30 persons to come in the restaurant and then an attendant in the restaurant knocks on the door that opens into the saloon which is a signal that everything is all right and Tony opens the door, scrutinizing each one as they pass into the saloon until the saloon is filled, then he shuts the door.

While this hush is being served by two bartenders, another line is being formed in the restaurant, the attendant of which is very polite and courteous, every few minutes knocking on the door, telling Tony to "hurry up." During this time there is no color line drawn in the saloon. The police were a short distance away, but seemed to pay no attention to the crowd.

It is the belief that Tony owns the restaurant and has issued this order of the Negroes will be compelled to eat in the saloon where they will spend their money for drinks.

Reactions.

Most of the Negroes seem to have given the matter very little attention and some of them were seen going into the place where they knew they were discriminated against, while others expressed a boycott and had to be put on the restaurant and saloon.

Commemoration of One Hundredth Anniversary of Birth of Frederick Douglass will be held at Pythian Hall Monday evening, February 13, Prof. Peter H. Clark, Past National President, will be Principal Speaker.

The St. Louis Branch of The National Association for the Advancement of the Colored People will celebrate the 100th anniversary of the birth of Frederick Douglass at Pythian Temple, Wednesday, Feb. 15, ending with a sidewalk parade of the Branch into Community groups to inspire the spirit of Douglass in every colored locality in St. Louis.

The Association, throughout the United States, is then setting up local groups to inspire the spirit of Douglass to solidify the strength of the colored people for the benefit of the race.

Prof. Peter H. Clark, the sole surviving intimate of Mr. Douglass, his "right arm" in the day that tried men's souls, will be the orator of Wednesday's celebration. Prof. Clark was not only more closely associated, probably, with Mr. Douglass in the crisis of his anti-slavery labor than others of that day, but he was the most ardent of the Negro race. As a platform speaker he is unexcelled. His wide knowledge has been digested to wisdom, making him frequently the most valuable mentor of our best and more or less bewildered race. The Negro who forgets this opportunity to hear Peter H. Clark, expert and analyzer, will miss among the vice-presidents of the celebration.

Each Negro church pastor and each public school principal in St. Louis is being invited to supply for badges and sit among the vice-presidents of the celebration.

Watch for the hand-bills that give program in detail.

Admission free; program begins at 8 o'clock sharp.

## Lincoln-Douglas Anniversary

The celebration of the Lincoln-Douglas Anniversary Monday evening at Pythian Hall was a rare treat to those who heard the cold weather attendants. The auditorium was comfortably filled and the program as rendered was eminently fitting.

John C. M. Tolbert, Director of Streets and Sewers, also reviewed the life of Lincoln and related many pleasing anecdotes characteristic of the joyful disposition of the immortal president.

Mayor Henry W. Kiel touched upon the lives of both Lincoln and Douglas, and compared the advantages of today with those of the reconstruction era. The Mayor's address was entirely free from political reference and he was liberally applauded.

By E. B. Handy made a stirring speech, which carried with it an admonition to the young men of the race. The musical number rendered by Miss Marie Barrie showed a complete mastery of the piano and the applause brought an equally pleasing encore.

Dr. Chas. Henry Phillips was easily the orator of the evening and his brilliant and masterful tribute to the lamented Douglass was a gem of oratory.

## West End Matrons Whist Club

West End society was out in full force when the West End "Mignon" Whist club entertained with one of the most gorgeous and brilliant mask balls of the season at Pythian Auditorium, February 10, 1917.

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ANNUAL REPORTS OF WHEATLEY BRANCH Y. W. O. A.

Annual meeting of Wheatley Branch Y. W. O. A. was held Friday evening, January 26, 1917. The reports given at this meeting show remarkable growth in the work of this worthy institution.

The length of the many creditable reports given at this meeting will prevent our giving them in full, but the following parts of the reports will be of interest to the public.

Report of the Building Committee. The Building Committee consisting of Miss May Galt, Mrs. Ruth Coleman, Mrs. W. B. Chivvis, Dr. Mary McLean and Mrs. J. J. Fisher, of the central board; Mrs. M. O. Trice, Miss A. M. Williams, Miss Anna Russell, Mrs. L. C. Hammond and Miss M. B. Belcher of the Board of Management Wheatley Branch; Dr. Wm. Perry and Dr. McCallan of the Advisory Board, and Mr. Frank Robinson, architect, held its first meeting July 2, 1915, with Mrs. Ruth Coleman presiding as temporary chairman.

Mrs. M. O. Trice was elected permanent chairman and L. C. Hammond secretary. Mr. Frank Robinson, Miss Galt, Mrs. Fisher, Miss Russell and Miss Belcher were appointed a sub-committee to go over the building, see its condition and suggest plans, etc., and report to the Building Committee.

The Building Committee met next on July 6th. The report of the sub-committee was received and the committee discharged with thanks. Another committee to be known as the Committee on Bids and Specifications was appointed. Mrs. Fisher was appointed chairman. Miss Belcher, Mrs. Coleman, Mrs. Chivvis, Miss A. M. Williams, Dr. Perry and Mr. Frank Robinson, as committee.

The following bids on the main building were recommended by the Committee on Bids and Specifications and accepted by the Building Committee:

Main Building. Carpenter work, Oliver Starckes, \$784.61. Plumber and gas fitting, C. P. Smith, \$75.00. Plastering, Chas. Holliday, \$145.00. Fire lining, \$57.45. Roofs on main building and rear building, Keystone Roofing Co., \$9.75. Rear brick fence repaired, \$17.00.

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## Dr. W.B. Johnson Speaks Sunday

"The Hidden Pull" will be the subject of Dr. W. B. Johnson, pastor of St. Paul A. M. E. Church, before the Y. M. C. A. meeting on Sunday, Feb. 18. Dr. Johnson was for a number of years successful pastor in Alabama and since coming to our city has taken a lively interest in all civic matters. This will be his first time to address the Young Men's Christian Association and it is very likely that a large number of men will be present to hear him, as men would be attracted by the subject, "The Hidden Pull."

This meeting will be held at the Young Men's Christian Association, 2702 Lavoie avenue, at 4 p. m. Dr. Johnson is a good strong musical program will be given at the meeting. Dr. J. W. Martin, executive director of the A. M. E. Zion Church, has been the speaker at the Association meetings which have been held at Seullia & Gallagher's on recent Fridays. Dr. Martin is a forceful, enthusiastic and sensible talker, and the men at Seullia & Gallagher's have shown that they enjoyed his Friday talks. These meetings are held every Friday at noon.

An organization to meet the influx of home-coming from the South was organized recently by the ministers of the city. This organization is composed of all the ministers of the city and has for its purpose the following objects: First, to welcome into the city those who come from the Southland; second, to help these persons to adjust themselves to their new environment; third, to advise with them in matters of dress and securing homes, and fourth, to help them to properly educate themselves to the churches of the city.

This organization, named the "Ministerial Brotherhood," grew out of a meeting that was held at Central Baptist Church in honor of Dr. Clayton Powell. It is a non-sectarian and is not altogether composed of ministers. Its one specific purpose is to aid those who come to the Southland. Dr. Geo. R. Stevens is president.

This new organization has secured headquarters at the Y. M. C. A. building and it is probable that an efficient worker will be put in charge. Another meeting of this organization has been called to meet on Monday at 1 p. m. at Union Memorial Church and it is hoped that every minister in the city and those laymen who are especially interested will be present.

Watch for the play, "Came and E-f-f-e-e," at Orson Memorial, March 9.

JOINT ENTERTAINMENT.

There will be a grand music ball given by the Grand Union Club of Elks, Polar Wave Lodge No. 112, White Temple No. 10, and Polar Wave Temple No. 1, Daughters of Elks, Tuesday night, Feb. 20, 1917 (Mardi Gras night), at Douglas Hall, Beaumont and Lavoie avenues. Good music and refreshments. Admission, 25 cents.

DR. W. B. JOHNSON.

Pastor of St. Paul A. M. E. Church.

On last Friday evening, February 9, the citizens of St. Louis turned out at St. Paul A. M. E. Church to do honor to the new pastor of the church, Dr. W. B. Johnson and family. While Dr. Johnson has been in the city for quite a while, the opportunity to welcome him came at a time when the hearts of the people were best fitted to honor him, after they had seen him, known him, and loved him, and after he had been welcomed to the city by the community.

An elaborate program was rendered for the occasion, on which were the Mayor of the City of St. Louis, business men, teachers, ministers and other professional men.

In his response, in the most choice language, Dr. Johnson very gracefully acknowledged the courtesies extended to him and stated that he hoped that the good people of St. Louis would find him to be the man that they had expressed themselves as believing he was. His remarks showed that he had made a study of his new field of labor and was well informed of conditions. He said in part: "Your burden shall be my burden; your joys shall be mine; you will find me ready to do for you. I am for the uplift of my people. A life of service has been my ideal and I am yours to contribute to the moral, social and religious advancement of my city."

An appetizing repast was served by the ladies of the church, headed by Mrs. Lida Covington and Mrs. Carrie F. Berry, during the special hour of Dr. W. B. Scott was master of ceremonies.

## NEGRO VOTERS' LEAGUE DOUGLAS MEMORIAL SUNDAY

At St. James Church Sunday, February 18th at 2:00 p. m.

The Hundredth Memorial Anniversary for the late Negro Statesman, Frederick Douglass, will be held Sunday, February 18, under the auspices of The Negro Independent Voters' League at St. James A. M. E. Church, Pendleton and St. Ferdinand avenue, at 3 p. m.

The following interesting program will be rendered:

- 1 Song—"America"—Congregation.
- 2 Invocation—Dr. Wm. H. Peck.
- 3 Devotion—Miss E. L. Harris, E. Officer, Jr. Master of Ceremonies.
- 4 Song—Choir.
- 5 Biography of Douglass—Dr. A. W. Matthews.
- 6 "Life Lessons to be Learned from the Life and Times of Douglass"—Attorney Geo. L. Vaughn.
- 7 Vocal Solo—"O Divine Redeemer," by General—Miss E. L. Harris, accompanied by Mrs. Annet H. Officer.
- 8 "Douglass as a Statesman"—Mr. Z. W. McIntyre.
- 9 Violin Solo—Intermission—"Cavalier Rustic"—Prof. Wm. Thomas as Melton.
- 10 "Sweet Memories of Douglass"—Mr. Wm. H. Davis.
- 11 Benediction—Dr. Wm. H. Peck.

The officers of the organization are: Geo. L. Vaughn, president; J. H. Jones, vice-president; Paul W. Moseley, secretary; Dr. A. W. Matthews, treasurer; J. W. McIntyre, chairman Executive Committee; Dr. H. F. Fisher, chairman Organization Committee; Ernest P. Patton, sergeant-at-arms.

The Executive Committee is composed of Wm. E. Officer, Jr., Dr. R. B. Richardson, Dr. Edward L. Grant, Wm. Crawford, William Edmon and Rev. A. D. Davis. The league, as the name implies, is for the Negro vote. Its motto: Make the Standard of Negro Citizenship.

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH.

Rev. Oles preached a very interesting sermon Sunday morning, subject: "Raising a Race," which all enjoyed. Rev. Jackson preached Sunday night. On the fourth Sunday, February 25, Rev. Johnson, of Mississippi, will preach. Rev. Oles urges all members and friends to be present. Deacons H. H. Jones and Superintendent on Sunday school, Mr. E. H. Shaugnessy, assisted one of the beautiful boys by giving more than \$14. The books were donated to the church by Capt. Butler.

## Ten Years For Lima Lyncher

Lima, O., Jan. 28.—Common Pleas Judge William Klinger, who announced several days ago that he would suspend sentence against all who pleaded guilty to participation in the mob outbreak last August when an attempt was made to lynch the Afro-American, Charles Daniels, dropped a bomb in the ranks of the rioters today. Bert Meyers, barber, one of thirty-four men indicted in connection with the riot, appeared before court and pleaded guilty, but in place of a suspended sentence, was given ten years in the penitentiary. Meyers almost collapsed and had to be supported to a chair. Judge Klinger stated that evidence showed Meyers to be a ringleader.

NEGRO ACQUITTED OF ATTACK ON WHITE GIRL IN COUNTY.

State Had Demanded Death Penalty in Webster Groves Case—Altho Sworn to by Clayton. An audience composed mostly of Negroes, broke into loud huzzas in Judge Warden's court at Clayton last night when a jury acquitted John S. Williams, a Negro, of attacking Miss Eva Lewis, a white domestic, in Webster Groves, Christmas night. The judge, who had cautioned the crowd against making a demonstration, reprimanded it in severe terms.

Williams was arrested after a blood-bath twice led the way from the place of the attack to his home. But a score of witnesses testified that at the time of the attack, between 9 and 9 o'clock, he was present at a party given at his home. The State demanded the death penalty.

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## "THE UNBORN" B. W. THEATRE WEEK FEB. 26

Five-Act Original Drama Exposing the Quack Doctors' nefarious Methods Will Be Shown at the Booker Washington Theatre One Week With Daily Performances, Beginning Monday, February 26.

Special Lecture by Miss Louise Emma Abbott at All Matinees Except Sunday, for Ladies Only—Men Only Admitted at Nights and Sunday Matinee.

"The Unborn," a five-act original drama, will be shown at the Booker Washington Theatre one week beginning with Monday, Feb. 26, and ending Feb. 28. The play is by George Eliot, Jr., and deals with a much discussed subject—birth control. It exposes the quack doctors' nefarious methods and shows the picture in almost unobjectionable manner.

The picture has been produced to serve a moral purpose and as such it is an excellent interesting study, as well as an interesting and entertaining production. It strikes at the root of an evil and frankly shows the truth in doing so it makes a production especially enlightening for parents. Good photography, excellent acting, beautiful exterior scenes, all help to make this wonderfully interesting drama.

The matinee will begin each day at 2 o'clock. Admission, 10 cents. Night shows with vaudeville, at usual prices, start at 6 p. m. During the week day matinees, Miss Louise Emma Abbott, lead head nurse of the Kansas City, Mo., Colored Hospital, will lecture to the ladies on the subject of birth control at nights and Sunday matinee. Owing to the delicate subject dealt with in this great film children will not be admitted unless accompanied by parents, or chaperons.

Mr. Thos. Kiser Passes Away

Hot Springs, Ark.—(Special).—Mr. Thomas Kiser, an old and respected citizen of Hot Springs, Ark., died at his home Feb. 4th, at the age of 80 years, 10 months and 27 days, and was buried the 6th. Funeral services were held from Kewanee Baptist Church, where he had been a member for many years. Rev. Henderson, the pastor, officiated.

When the pastor called to see him a few days before he died, he found Mr. Kiser conscious of his death and personal by his wife and his black. He told the pastor he had no pains and soon would sleep away.

Mr. Kiser was born in North Carolina, a son of a poor but respected owner. This is the reason he and his son have different names. He had lived in Hot Springs for many years and was well known to the community. He had accumulated quite a nice fortune in land and property, the bulk of which was left to his only son, Sergeant Green S. Kiser.

Mr. John C. Bector, his real estate agent and general business manager, notified the son that his father was seriously ill, and upon receipt of the news, Sergeant Green S. Kiser, who was beside of his father, but when he arrived his father had passed away. The son made all the arrangements for a nice burial for his father. Several floral designs were sent as a token of respect, among which was a most beautiful design from Mrs. M. E. Nichols, St. Louis, in the shape of a Shannock made of white roses and lilies, built in three large glass palm leaves.

Mr. Kiser leaves one son, Sergeant Green S. Kiser, who is a member of the commissary sergeant; two brothers, Steven and Dr. Kiser of Springfield, Ill., and a host of friends to mourn his loss.

DR. WM. T. THOMPSON ENDORSED

The Missouri Legislature Signally Honored One of Kansas City's Progressives Negro Physicians With a Tribute Never Before Given Any Other Member of the Race in This State.

The following resolution adopted by the Legislature of this state in its present session, amply demonstrates that the Democratic party in Missouri at least is not opposed to the advancement of capable, worthy and well equipped Negroes. It is as follows:

"Be it resolved by the House of Representatives of the State of Missouri that it endorse and approve the application addressed to the President of the United States requesting the appointment of Dr. Wm. T. Thompson, of Kansas City, Missouri, as surgeon-in-chief for the Freedmen's Hospital at Washington, D. C."—Exchange.